



## Message from the Principals

It has been a fantastic start to the school year, and we have very much enjoyed our first half term at Sir Jonathan North Girls 'College. This first half term has been both busy and productive. We have had a lot to celebrate, and we are also looking forward to the next half term.

We are very proud of the examination results achieved by our Year 11 students last year. The fantastic results are a testament to students and staff alike. We are currently working closely with our current Year 11 students in order to prepare them for their upcoming trial examinations and college applications. We were thrilled to welcome so many parents/carers and students to our Transition Evening events that was held in early October. College open days will be occurring over the coming few weeks, so if you have a student in Year 11, please look out for these.

Our new Year 7 students have made a wonderful start to life at Sir Jonathan North girls' College. They have settled into college life and have joined in all our college community offers. They thoroughly enjoyed their team building trip to Leicester Tigers at the start of the year.

Our open evening in September was a highlight of this half term. staff and students showcased our wonderful college and its facilities and we received fantastic feedback from those who attended.

Our assembly programme this half term has marked the start of Black History Month, the European Day of Languages and given students an opportunity to hear from our student Executive Council and members of the Eco-Club. We look forward to continuing to celebrate our diverse community.

At Sir Jonathan North we work with our students to ensure that they are inspired and empowered to make a difference.

We hope you and your family have a happy and healthy half term.



**Mr. James McKenna**

Executive Principal

**Dr. Helen Coles-Hennessy**

Associate Principal



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To keep updated with of the fantastic work, events and celebrations we have at the College;



<https://facebook.com/SirJonathanNorth>



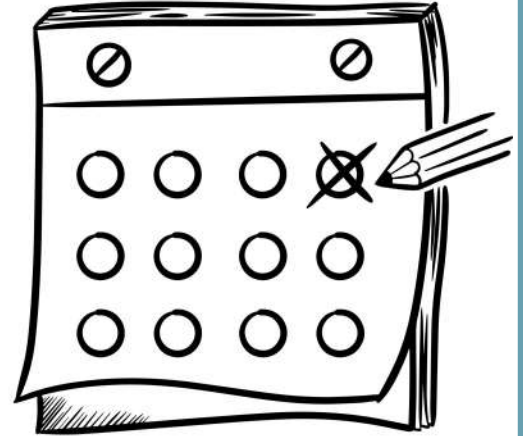
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<https://x.com/SJNCCSchool>

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event
31st October	College Photos
8th Nov	Yr 7 What's your job Event
11th Nov	Yr 7 National Space Centre
14th Nov	Yr 10 Parents Evening
18th Nov	Yr 10 Trip to Central Mosque and
21st—22nd	KS3 Lionheart Knowledge Check
27th Nov	Royal albert hall trip
28th Nov	Yr 9 Parents Evening
29th Nov	Inset Day— College closed
10th Dec	Trip to Cadbury's World
12th Dec	Winter arts Festival
16th Dec	Yr 9 Trip to Cadbury's World
23rd Dec—6th Jan	Christmas Holiday
7th Jan	College Reopens



### AUTUMN TERM 2024

Autumn Half Term	Monday 21 to Friday 25 October
College Reopens	Monday 28th October
Inset Day	Friday 29 November (College Closed)
College Closes	Friday 20 December

### SPRING TERM 2025

Training Day	Monday 6th January
College Reopens	Tuesday 7th January
College closes	Friday 14th February
February Half term	Monday 17th to Friday 21st February

# PASTORAL UPDATE

## YEAR 7 ACHIEVEMENTS

WOW! What a start to Sir Jonathan North Girls' College you have had. We feel like proud parents to shout from the rooftops how amazing you all are.

It all started with your first morning, bubbling with excitement and an edge of trepidation, not sure how your day was going to unfold. Nevertheless, you gave it your best shot! We've seen lots of smiles and new friendships made, heard lots of stories and sang some songs, birthday's a plenty, the list goes on!

We had an incredible time as a Year 7 community on the Tigers Trip at the beginning of term, and how we flourished with our confidence from there.

Assemblies are a fun place to be, where successes are celebrated, and you are eager to win prizes on offer. We've had random generator prizes for attendance, Goodwin's Gold Medal winners and Star of the Week. Keep up the good work Year 7, you should be very proud of yourselves.

Here are just some of your successes so far:

Category	Number of pupils
100% attendance	143
Excellent punctuality (0 Late marks)	187
Zero club (0 behaviour points)	131
Reward points	
Bronze Certificate (60 points)	29
Silver Certificate (80 points)	2

## ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION

We're thrilled to celebrate the fantastic attendance across all year groups this term! Your commitment to being present every day makes a huge difference, and it's clear from the high attendance numbers in each year group. A big thank you to all students for showing up, staying engaged, and making this a great start to the year. Keep up the excellent work!



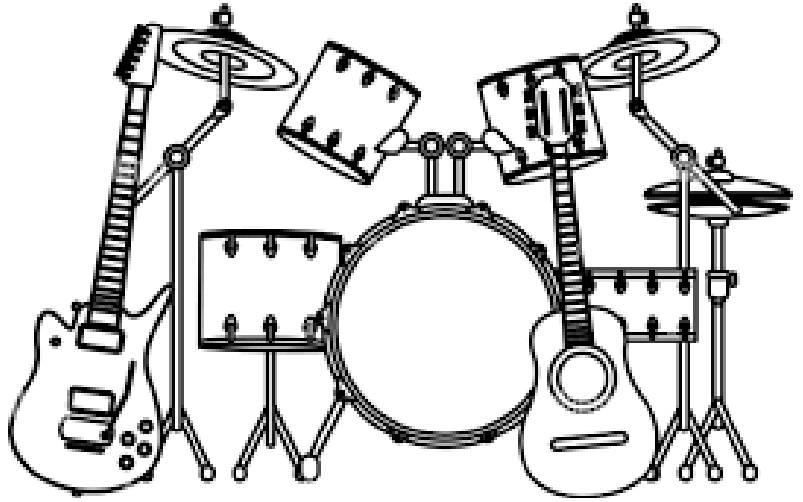
Year	%
7.1	98.0
8.4	96.4
9.5	96.4
10.5	97.5
11.6	97.6

## INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL TUITION

**Music Tuition at SJNGC**

Music tuition is available for the following instruments:

- \* Vocal/Singing
- \* Guitar
- \* Bass
- \* Drum Kit
- \* Saxophone
- \* Clarinet
- \* Violin
- \* Trumpet
- \* Trombone
- \* Flute
- \* Piano



Lessons are **chargeable** , between £15 and £20 per one-to-one lesson. Discounts are available for shared or shorter lessons, depending on instruments and tutor.

Lessons take place **during the school day** on various days of the week.

There is the possibility of the free loan of instruments if required, please just ask Mr Lee on [simon.lee@sirjonathannorth.org.uk](mailto:simon.lee@sirjonathannorth.org.uk)

Spaces for some instruments (piano) are very limited, there are currently **many more spaces available** for Vocal, Trumpet, Trombone, Flute and Clarinet.

## SPEAK UP! CURVE THEATRE TRIP



At the start of October our Speak Up! group enjoyed an afternoon at the theatre watching The Mountain Top by Katori Hall. It was a very powerful play exploring Martin Luther Kings final hours before his assassination. The play was part of the many celebrations the school took part in during black history month. This trip was all made possible thanks to our amazing partnership with Curve Theatre.

**Sir Jonathan North Girls' College  
Present Our Annual**

# WINTER MUSIC CONCERT

**THURSDAY 12th DECEMBER  
2024**

## EXAMS DEPARTMENT

A massive Congratulations and Well Done to our Y11 Leavers on doing so well in their Summer Examinations. We knew you could do it and everyone here at SJN is so proud of you. May you continue to attain such outstanding achievements.

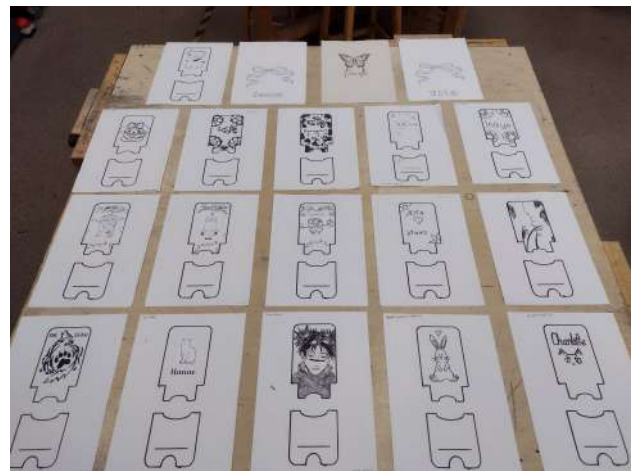
**CELEBRATION**



# CURRICULUM NEWS

## DT UPDATE

Here in DT, students have been enjoying these phone stand and neon led sign projects. The phone stand designs were all drawn by year 8 students. It was then engraved on our laser cutter. They then got to take the finished designs home. One class of year 10 is currently doing the neon sign project. Theirs is currently in the design stage, but I have attached an example of a prototype that was made as well as some of their plans. I've been really impressed by their creativity and quality of work.



## ART

## Year 10, GCSE Art students

We are delighted to share the wonderful experience our students had on their recent visit to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park (YSP) on 20th September. The full-day trip was an exciting opportunity for them to explore some of the most inspiring works of contemporary art in a stunning outdoor setting.

Accompanied by Mr. McKinlay, Mrs. Parker, and Miss Smith, our students had the chance to see a diverse range of sculptures by leading and prestigious artists, including Elizabeth Frink, Damien Hirst, and Bharti Kher. These works not only captured the students' imaginations but also introduced them to different styles and techniques that will greatly support their main GCSE portfolios.

We were fortunate that the weather held out for us, allowing everyone to fully enjoy the outdoor gallery and its breathtaking surroundings. Throughout the day, the students showed exemplary behaviour, demonstrating politeness, respect, and a genuine interest in the artworks.

The trip provided an invaluable opportunity to connect classroom learning with real-world artistic practices. Our students engaged in thoughtful discussions and were able to reflect on their own interpretations of the sculptures. This experience will undoubtedly enrich their coursework and inspire further creativity in their portfolios.

We are incredibly proud of the way our students conducted themselves and look forward to many more enriching experiences like this. A huge thank you to the staff and parents who helped make the day a success!





## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2024



During the summer break students were encouraged to follow the Summer Reading Challenge 'Marvellous Makers' where they had to read 6 books over 6 weeks from their local public library. At the end of the challenge a certificate of completion was awarded which they had to bring to the library as evidence. Absolutely thrilled to reward the following students with achievements points and chocolates.

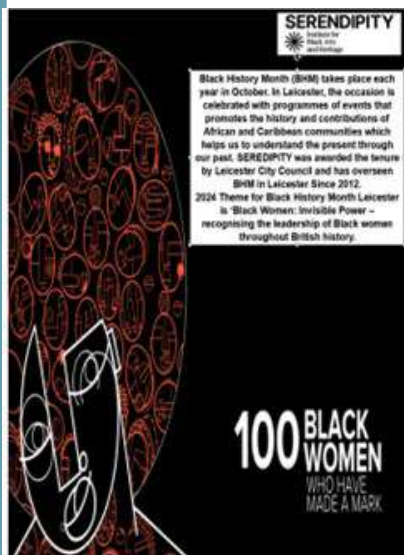
**Year 7 - Alayna**

**Year 8 - Safiya-Maria, Sagda, Deborah and Japneet**

**Year 9 - Omnya and Gurman**

**Year 10 - Sana, Sara and Ameera**

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Black History Month (BHM) takes place each year in October. In Leicester, the occasion is celebrated with programmes of events that promotes the history and contributions of African and Caribbean communities which helps us to understand the present through our past.

2024 Theme for Black History Month Leicester is 'Black Women: Invisible Power – recognising the leadership of Black women throughout British history. Throughout the month students are encouraged to explore the history makers who made a difference with a weekly competition to answer a question. Students who answer correctly get achievement points. At the end of the month students with all correct answers will be put into a prize draw to win a prize.

## 'BOOKCHAT CLUB'

Students were invited to join the 'BookChat Club' which meets once a month in the library at lunchtime to talk about books, look at new titles coming into the library, borrow and review them to encourage other students to read widely. Our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting took place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Delighted to welcome the following students who signed up to join

**Year 7 – Zuzanna, Beth and Ronnah**

**Year 8 - Kiva, Safiya Mariya, Onisha and Tryphena**

**Year 9 - Gurman, Melissa Chelsea, Amelia and Anita**

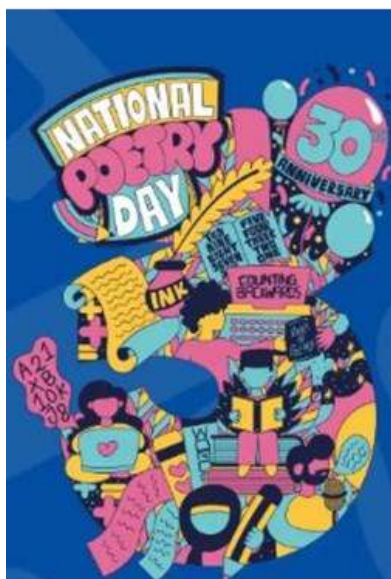
**Year 11 - Isla and Evie**





# LEARNING RESOURCES CENTRE

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October was also National Poetry Day which was on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024. This year also sees the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of NPD.

At SJN we celebrated NPD and combined it with Black History Month with a workshop which took place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October by Vanessa Kayi Creative Services – see below a collage of the workshop.





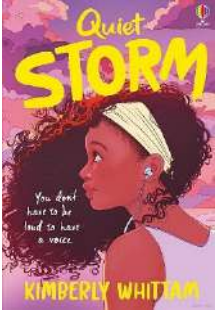

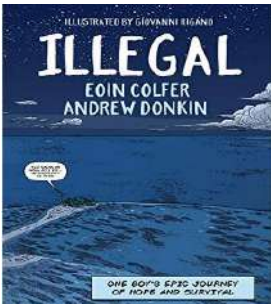


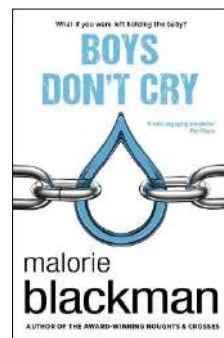
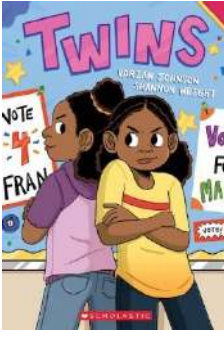
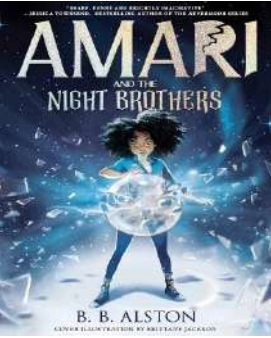
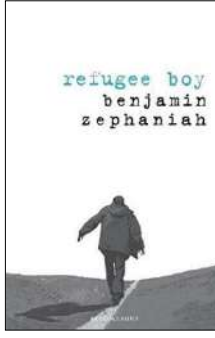
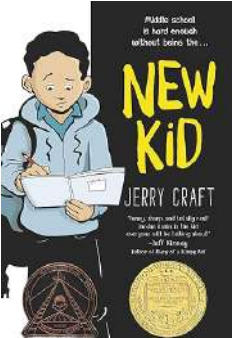
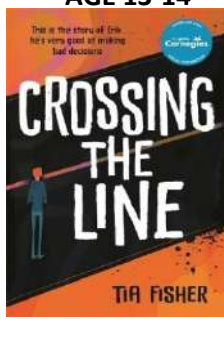




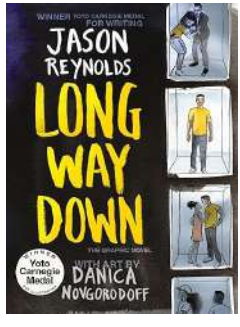
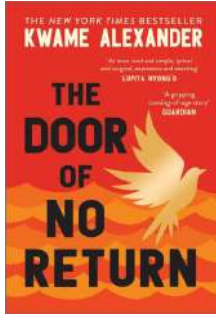

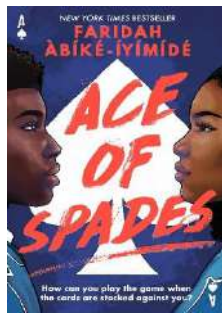
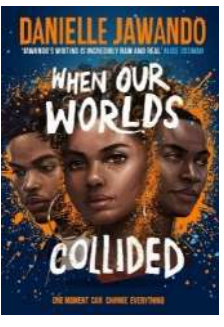
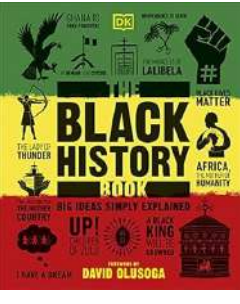
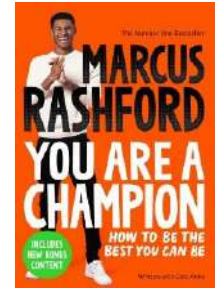
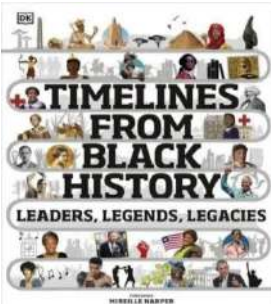
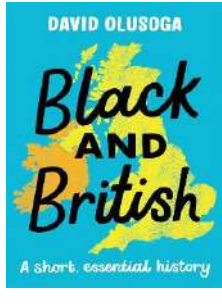
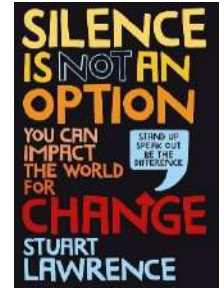
Our students have helped to do the Diwali display in the school foyer by making Diwali postcards using quilling art technique. Attached are some photos.

Week 28 Oct - 1 Nov 2024 is the week of Diwali Festivities. The Library wishes Happy Diwali and Nutan Varsha Abhinandan to all those who are celebrating.





# BLACK HISTORY MONTH READING LIST

 <p><b>AGE 11-12</b></p>	<p><b>AGE 11-12</b></p> 	<p><b>AGE 11-12</b></p> 	<p><b>AGE 11-12</b></p> 	<p><b>AGE 11-12</b></p> 
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# HELP AND SUPPORT

<p><b>Anxiety UK</b> is a user-led organisation that supports anyone with anxiety, phobias, panic attacks or other anxiety-related disorders. <b>03444 775 774</b> or text <b>07537 416 000</b></p> 	<p><b>Kooth</b> is an online counselling and emotional well-being platform for children and young people, accessible through mobile, tablet and desktop.</p> 	<p><b>Muslim Youth Helpline</b> is a charity that provides free and confidential faith and culturally sensitive support services targeted at vulnerable young people in the UK. <b>0808 808 808</b></p> 	<p><b>Rethink Mental Illness</b> helps those affected by severe mental illness</p> 
<p><b>Beat</b> act as a champion, guide and friend to anyone affected by eating disorders, giving individuals experiencing an eating disorder and their loved ones a place where they feel listened to, supported and empowered. <b>0808 801 0711</b></p> 	<p><b>LifeSIGNS</b> provide information about self-injury and support people as and when they choose to make changes in their lives. You can call any time and leave them a message on their voicemail, asking for a call back when we're open again.</p> 	<p><b>The National Association for Children of Alcoholics (NACOA)</b> provide a free helpline and support service to help address the needs of children growing up in families where one or both parents suffer from alcoholism or a similar addictive problem. <b>0800 3456</b></p> 	<p><b>Samaritans</b> offer a safe place for you to talk any time you like, in your own way – about whatever's getting to you. <b>116 123</b></p> 
<p><b>CALM</b> (Campaign Against Living Miserably) is a helpline for young males aged 16 to 35 years, suffering from depression and low self-esteem. It offers counselling, advice and information. <b>0800 58 58 58</b> (or London based callers can dial <b>0808 802 222</b>)</p> 	<p><b>Mind</b> provide advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health issue. They campaign to improve services, raise awareness and promote understanding.</p> <p><b>0300 123 3393</b></p> 	<p><b>National Self Harm Network</b> is a forum that provides support for individuals who self harm, and for families and carers that may be affected by self harm.</p> 	<p><b>School Nurse</b></p> <p>The school nurse service can still be contacted by text 07520 615386 or call on 0116 215 3230.</p> 
<p><b>Childline</b> provides help for anyone under 19 in the UK with any issue they're going through. <b>0800 1111</b></p> 	<p><b>MindEd for Families</b> give safe and reliable advice to parents and carers about young people's mental health.</p> 	<p><b>OCD Action</b> provide support and information to anybody affected by OCD. <b>0845 390 6232</b></p> 	<p><b>Selfharm UK</b> (Now ALUMINA) exist in order to support and nurture young people who may be experiencing difficulties with self-harm.</p> 
<p><b>Ditch The Label</b> help young people navigate through issues related to bullying, such as improving mental health, body image, coming out and building confidence and self-esteem.</p> 	<p><b>The Mix</b> is the UK's free, confidential helpline service for young people under 25 who need help, but don't know where to turn. <b>0808 808 4994</b></p> 	<p><b>Papyrus</b> gives non-judgemental support, advice and information for those dealing with suicide, depression or emotional distress. <b>08000 68 41 41</b></p> 	<p><b>Young Minds</b> provides information, advice and training for young people, parents, carers and professionals.</p> 
<p><b>Doc Ready</b> is a digital tool that helps young people to prepare and make the most out of mental health related GP visits. It helps young people to know what to expect during a GP consultation, plan what to say and record the outcomes of their appointments.</p> 	<p><b>Moodscope</b> exist in order to help people to positively manage their moods.</p> 	<p><b>Recover Your Life (RYL)</b> is one of the biggest and best Self-Harm Support Communities on the internet.</p> 	



## AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS SESSIONS!



Fridays - 14:45 - 15:45 at the Tennis Centre.

The session is run by a level 4 LTA approved coach and tutor. This is suitable for any ability and anyone who wants to give tennis a go or fine tune their skills





# WHAT'S ON IN THE COMMUNITY

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**MONDAY**  
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